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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-11, 14-25, 27, 29-32, 34-44, 46-56, 60-62, 67-76 and 78-80 are pending in the present application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-11, 14-25, 27, 29-32, 34-44, 46-56, 60-62 and 67-76. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 79-80 are allowable if placed in independent form. Applicant has amended Claim 78 without touching the merits of the claim or changing the scope of the claim. Thus, entry of the amendment to Claim 78 is respectfully requested since only a cursory review by the Examiner is required.

The 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Claim Rejection

Pending Claim 78 stands rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.K. Patent Application No. 2 322 248A to Fujitsu Limited with inventor Ken Hashimoto (hereinafter "Hashimoto") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,774,802 to Tell et al. (hereinafter "Tell").

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration since Hashimoto very clearly teaches away from a location information generating unit that converts location information from first and second mobile communication terminals, and a computer that provides the converted location information to the respective terminals as provided in Claim 78. Applicant agrees that Hashimoto teaches a positioning system where a first terminal can be provided the position of a second terminal. Applicant also agrees that Hashimoto teaches a central computer that can send position information provided by the second terminal to the first terminal for display.

What Hashimoto fails to teach, suggest, or disclose is the existence of a location information generating positioning unit that is configured to generate location information of both a first and a second mobile communication terminal based on their respective detected positions as described in Claim 78. Further, Hashimoto teaches away from providing the location information of the first and second mobile terminals to the respective first and second mobile communication terminals as further described in Claim 78.

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In Hashimoto, the generation of location information takes place completely inside of a single portable remote terminal (11). Clearly, there is no teaching or suggestion that Hashimoto's single portable remote terminal (11) is capable of generating location information of another terminal, such as Hashimoto's home terminal (32). Even if one assumes that the portable remote terminal (11) of Hashimoto is a location generating unit as described in Claim 78, it is immediately apparent that if two of Hashimoto's portable remote terminals (11) were in communication, each of the portable remote terminals (11) would have the capability to independently determine their own respective positions. Due to the independent and stand alone generation of location information by Hashimoto's terminals, there is no need for the location generating unit of one of Hashimoto's remote terminals to generate position information of the other remote terminal, and provide it to the other remote terminal as described in Claim 78.

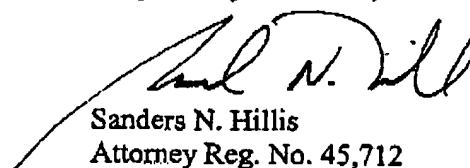
Hashimoto also fails to teach, suggest or disclose a computer in communication with the first or second mobile communication terminals that is configured to provide the terminal's own location-related information to the respective terminals as provided in Claim 78. In contrast, the remote terminal of Hashimoto itself completely generates and then displays the current location. Accordingly, Hashimoto teaches away from a computer in communication with a first or a second mobile communication terminal that is configured to provide each terminal with their own respective location related information as described in Claim 78. It would make no sense for Hashimoto's system to have a computer configured to provide the location related information of each of two remote terminals to each of the two remote terminals, since the remote terminals taught by Hashimoto have already themselves generated, displayed and provided such information (11), or are not concerned about their own position (32).

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Based on the above arguments, the application is believed to now be in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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